

Sinclair
Broadcasting's
decision to force
their stations to
air an anti-Kerry
documentary days
before the election
is a clear and
frightening example
of the dangers of
media consolidation.

Sinclair is using
the excuse that the
documentary is
"news" yet they make
no attempt to tell
both sides of the
story. The timing
of this broadcast
along with the
mandate to their
stations make
obvious the
political leanings
of the owners of
Sinclair.

Sinclair uses the
public airwaves free
of charge, and is
obligated by law to
serve the public
interest. But when
large companies
control the
airwaves, we get
more of what's good
for the bottom line
and less of what we
need for our
democracy. Instead
of something
produced at "News
Central" far away,
it's more important
that we see real
people from our own
communities and more
substantive news
about issues that
matter.

I find the proposed
broadcast extremely
disturbing because
it is nothing but an
attempt to sway
voter opinion while
remaining outside
the campaign finance
laws. The public
trust is violated as
there will be no

attempt to provide
balance to the
broadcast.

Sinclair's actions
show why we need to
strengthen media
ownership rules, not
weaken them. They
show why the license
renewal process
needs to involve
more than a returned
postcard. Thank you.